



UPDATE!

Wales Coastline and Border Celebration

By the first week in December, 15 U3As in Wales had expressed some interest in taking part in this project in different ways.

We will have a page on the U3A Wales website, a Facebook Group, and support with translation.

A short session at a recent North Wales network training Event produced a great selection of places which U3A members would recommend to others to visit, for different reasons. *(See the second page of this update)*

Thanks for all photos and suggestions received in the past month. Please contact

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to find out more or submit any other contributions.

Supporters include Dyfi U3A, who have said

“... members are very enthusiastic about joining the project. We intend to approach the venture through cross group studies and interaction. Seven groups have shown interest plus a couple of individual members... It has re-invigorated us as a body”.

From the early feedback on the project - “what do you want us to do?” - we have identified ten broad categories which people can focus on throughout 2018.

Walking the coast and border – record the stretches you have completed.

Photographing the coast and border – colours and seasons; people and places.

Coast and border towns and cities – history and harbours; industry and community interaction; looking ahead.

Natural and built coast and border landscapes – islands and estuaries; castles, railways, bridges and barriers.

Coast and border destinations – places to visit and to stay; historic pubs; beautiful and grand settings.

Coast and border flora and fauna – colour and diversity; marine mammals, birds, flowers, trees.

Arts and marks on the coast and border – sculpture, plaques and inscriptions; the written word

Coast and border legends - King Offa to Carreg Bica.

Past, present and future on the coast and border – heritage and changing times; coalfields to windfarms.

Personal reflections and individual ideas - why the coast and border is special to you.



November Update estuaries: Conwy (above) and Stackpole Head (below)



‘Dawn’ : Saddle Point in Fishguard, NE to Dinas Head. Harry Thomas Presili U3A.



Where would you recommend to a visitor?

The question was asked in an impromptu slot before the start of a North Wales Network training session. Thanks to the members of the 7 U3As present for coming up with this excellent list within ten minutes!!

Everyone could think of a place on the coast or border to recommend to visitors or friends.

Natural and built landscapes: walk over the Afon Maddwch on the 150 year old Barmouth Bridge. *(Alan)*



Flora and Fauna: wild goats, seals, asters and orchids. All on view with a cycle tour of The Great Orme. *(Janet)*



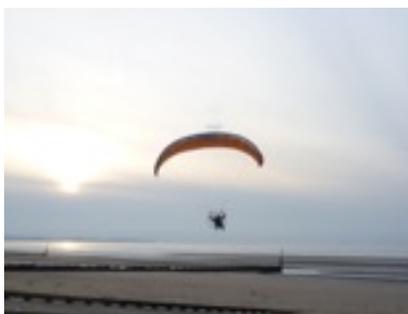
Past, present and future: ancient Celtic archaeology around the closed Wylfa nuclear power station. *(Bill)*



Places to visit or stay: Rhos-on-Sea or Bodelwyddan Castle or Cardigan Bay, to name but 3. *(Chris, Virginia, Hilary)*



Arts and Marks: Plas Newydd, by the Menai Strait, with Rex Whistler's mural landscape of Wales. *(Wendy)*



Personal reflection: At low tide, look for the submerged prehistoric forest off Rhyl. *(Mike)*



Legends: the tidal island of Llanddwyn, with remains of the church of Santes Dwynwen, Patron Saint of lovers. *(Kay)*



Walking: the western most Pembrokeshire headlands with time to enjoy West Angle Bay. *(Chris)*



Photography: from Flint Castle to Connahs Quay and the Deeside Bridge. A picture of time. *(Stuart)*



Town and City: Conwy - bustling walled town with castle, estuary, the smallest house and the coast walk from Dwygyfylchi. *(Liz, Carol)*

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This project is now beginning to across Wales are already putting and enjoy the great heritage we coastline and borders.

There will be an exhibition of all at the Wales Conference on 9th May 2018. involved. Also a full day event in early events which U3A members and groups

Some early ideas and suggestions are

**Coastline and
Border Quiz
1:**

**Where are
these two
estuaries?**

Send answers to
contact email at
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take shape. Members from together ideas to celebrate have in our country's

material, events and activities so far, Please think how your U3A can be 2019 will showcase the activities and have enjoyed.

in this box

We hope to have a web site to help

 collect and collate material up and running soon, building on the ideas and activities of groups across Wales.

In the meantime we are already open for business and anyone interested or able to share activities they are taking part in can email us with stories, reports or photographs of things they are doing or ideas they may have.

Help is also sought from people able to help catalogue and record the project.

Contact for project ideas and submissions - and to submit answers to the quiz questions above - stuart.murray103@gmail.com

Ten early ideas!!

- *Visit to the tide and time bell in Cemaes Bay, Ynys Mon, which the sea rings when it comes in;*
- *Pictures from sections of the Wales Coast Path, including the interesting stretch which passes under the Severn Estuary crossing;*
- *Discussions about the social history associated with the Chester to Holyhead railway;*
- *Notice of science events linked to marine mammals along the coast;*
- *Referral to marine archaeology and wreck sites;*
- *Potential links between U3A groups on either side of the Offa's Dyke border country;*
- *A possible project to identify historic pubs along the coast of South Wales (could be the whole country!);*
- *Interest in approaching and photographing favourite harbours;*
- *A proposal linked to music and singing which celebrates the coast;*
- *A coastline and borders quiz, for U3As to use.*